



## Melon Industry Study Tours

Melons Australia in partnership with the Hort Innovation Melon Fund is offering opportunities to both levy paying growers and non-levy paying melon industry members to participate in a range of study tours over the coming three years. Details on the range of tours available are available at [www.melonsaustralia.org.au](http://www.melonsaustralia.org.au). The commitment you make in applying for one of these opportunities is a small financial contribution and the commitment to contribute to reporting in the form of recorded interviews.

### Current Study Tour on Offer:

Between the 11<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> August 2024, we will be travelling through California, USA (travelling in and out of LAX). The US Study Tour will begin in the Davis/Woodlands/Sacramento region and then will progress south towards Stockton and the San Joaquin Valley regions and will include visits to trial demonstration sites, research institutes, retail outlets, wholesale markets, and equipment factory tours to name just a few of the planned activities.

### Expression of Interest Form

#### Contact Details:

Name	
Business Name	
Address	
Phone	
Email	

#### Type of business you work in (please tick)

Grower	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ag Consultancy/Agronomy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wholesaler	<input type="checkbox"/>	Research & Development	<input type="checkbox"/>
Seed Company	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rural Merchandise	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chemical Company	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>
Job Title:			
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Please outline your role in the business and how your participation on the study tour will provide benefit to your business and our industry:

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What do you want to achieve from attending the study tour to the Americas?

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What excites you most about a study tour to California, USA?

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Are there any specific locations/business that you believe would be beneficial for study tour participants to visit?

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Do you think you might be able to use the learnings from the study tour to improve the melon industry? And if so, how?

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It is a requirement for participants to share their experiences from the study tour with others from the industry, including through providing your time to Melons Australia to capture your learnings and insights. Are you happy to commit to being interviewed for your insights?

Yes

No

Do you currently hold any leadership positions within your industry or community? If so, what are they?

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Any additional information or comments (please provide as much detail as possible):

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Please tick the appropriate box to indicate your commitment to contributing towards the cost of your attendance to on the Study Tour, either:

- 1. a levy payer (\$2,000 contribution), or
- 2. non levy payer (50% co-contribution)

Please tick the box to note that you understand your required commitment to be interviewed during and after the study tour about your experience and insights.

**Please note: Levy payers must provide a copy of their most recent levy receipt to Melons Australia to allow confirmation of their melon levy payments.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*In signing above you are agreeing to the below Terms and Conditions also.*



### Terms and Conditions:

As a recipient of a part-funded position on international study tour, all participants are representing both their own business as well as the Australian melon industry. Funding for this activity is comprised of both the National Melon Levies and matched funds from the Australian Government, and as such all participants are required to maintain professional behaviour at all times.

The purpose of these terms and conditions is to provide all participants with a clear understanding of the standard of conduct expected when performing your duties as a participant of study tours organised by Melons Australia. These T's & C's place an obligation on all participants to take responsibility for their own conduct. It outlines the expectations for behaviour while participating in levy-funded study tours.

1. All participants must conduct themselves in a professional manner having regard to the spirit and intent of the Study Tour.
2. All relevant international rules and laws should be complied with by all participants.
3. All participants must dress professionally and act consistently with these terms and conditions in all interactions, at work and work-related activities (including those outside of work hours).
4. All participants should treat everyone with respect and courtesy, recognising social and cultural differences and treat everyone fairly, equitably and without discrimination.
5. Organisers should be informed immediately of any breaches of these T's & C's.
6. Actual and perceived conflicts of interest should be declared by all participants and it is the participants' responsibility to manage conflicts that arise.
7. All participants should review pre-departure documentation provided by Melons Australia.
8. All participants must make their own assessment regarding the appropriateness and risk of travel to any destination. Melons Australia does not guarantee the safety of travel in any respect, nor to the regions being visited as part of the study tour. Participants are advised to visit [smartraveller.gov.au](http://smartraveller.gov.au) for official travel safety advice prior to the study tour.